APPENDIX OF PENDING CLAIMS

- A conductive oligomer comprising an ethyl-pyridine protected sulfur atom. 47.
- A conductive oligomer comprising a trimethylsilylethyl protected sulfur atom. 48.
- A composition comprising a conductive oligomer covalently attached to a CPG-57. nucleoside, wherein said conductive oligomer has the formula:

$$\left(-v\left(-(6)_{g}^{-D}\right)_{e}^{D}\right)_{n}$$
 wherein aromatic group;

Y is an

n is an integer from 1 to 50;

g is either 1 or zero;

e is an integer from zero to 10; and

m is zero or 1;

wherein when g is 1, B-D is selected from acetylene, alkene, substituted alkene, amide, azo, esters, thioesters, -CH=N-, -CR=N-, -N=CH- and -N=CR-, -SiH=SiH-, -SiR=SiH-, -SiR=SiH-, and -SiR=SiR-, -SiH=CH-, -SiR=CH-, -SiH=CR-, -SiR=CR-, -CH=SiH-, -CR=SiH-, -CH=SiR-, and -CR=SiR-, wherein R is a substitution group; and wherein when g is zero, e is 1 and D is carbonyl or a moiety comprising oxygen, sulfur, nitrogen or phosphorus.

(Amended) A composition comprising a phosphoramidite nucleoside covalently 62. attached to a conductive oligomer with a metallocene ligand, wherein said conductive oligomer has the formula:

$$\frac{-\left(\left(\mathbf{B}\right)_{\mathbf{g}}\mathbf{D}\right)_{\mathbf{c}}\mathbf{D}}{\left(\mathbf{T}\right)_{\mathbf{m}}\mathbf{D}}$$

wherein

Y is an aromatic group;

n is an integer from 1 to 50;

g is either 1 or zero;

e is an integer from zero to 10; and

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m is zero or 1;

wherein when g is 1, B-D is selected from acetylene, alkene, substituted alkene, amide, azo, esters, thioesters, -CH=N-, -CR=N-, -N=CH- and -N=CR-, -SiH=SiH-, -SiR=SiH-, -SiR=SiH-, and -SiR=SiR-, -SiH=CH-, -SiR=CH-, -SiH=CR-, -SiR=CR-, -CH=SiH-, -CR=SiH-, -CH=SiR-, and -CR=SiR-, wherein R is a substitution group; and wherein when g is zero, e is 1 and D is carbonyl or a moiety comprising oxygen, sulfur, nitrogen or phosphorus.

- A composition according to claim 62 wherein said nucleoside comprises a ribose and 63. said metallocene is covalently attached to the 2' position of said ribose.
- A composition according to claim 62 wherein said metallocene is covalently attached 64. to the base of said nucleoside.
- A composition according to claim 62 wherein said metallocene is ferrocene. 65.
- (Amended) A composition comprising a deoxynucleotide triphosphate covalently 66. attached to a conductive oligomer with a metallocene ligand, wherein said conductive oligomer has the formula:

$$\frac{--\left(-\left(B\right)_{g}^{-1}\right)_{e}^{-1}\left(-\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_{m}^{-1}\right)_{m}^{-1}}{\left(-\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_{g}^{-1}\right)_{e}^{-1}\left(-\left$$

wherein

Y is an aromatic group;

n is an integer from 1 to 50;

g is either 1 or zero; e is an integer from zero to 10;and m is zero or 1;

wherein when g is 1, B-D is selected from acetylene, alkene, substituted alkene, amide, azo, esters, thioesters, -CH=N-, -CR=N-, -N=CH- and -N=CR-, -SiH=SiH-, -SiR=SiH-, -SiR=SiH-, and -SiR=SiR-, -SiH=CH-, -SiR=CH-, -SiH=CR-, -SiR=CR-, -CH=SiH-, -CR=SiH-, -CH=SiR-, and -CR=SiR-, wherein R is a substitution group; and wherein when g is zero, e is 1 and D is carbonyl or a moiety comprising oxygen, sulfur, nitrogen or phosphorus.

- A composition according to claim 66 wherein said metallocene is ferrocene. 67.
- (New) An electrode comprising: **72**.
- a) a monolayer comprising a passivation agent layer comprising conductive oligomers, wherein said conductive oligomer having the formula:

$$-\left(-\sqrt{\left(a\right)_g}\right)_{c}$$
 wherein an aromatic group;

Y is

n is an integer from 1 to 50;

g is either 1 or zero;

e is an integer from zero to 10; and

m is zero or 1;

wherein when g is 1, B-D is selected from acetylene, alkene, substituted alkene, amide, azo, esters, thioesters, -CH=N-, -CR=N-, -N=CH- and -N=CR-, -SiH=SiH-, -SiR=SiH-, -SiR=SiH-, and -SiR=SiR-, -SiH=CH-, -SiR=CH-, -SiH=CR-, -SiR=CR-, -CH=SiH-, -CR=SiH-, -CH=SiR-, and -CR=SiR-, wherein R is a substitution group; and wherein when g is zero, e is 1 and D is carbonyl or a moiety comprising oxygen, sulfur, nitrogen or phosphorus; and,

b) at least one nucleic acid covalently attached to said electrode with a spacer, wherein said spacer is an insulator.



73. (New) An electrode comprising:

a) a monolayer comprising a passivation agent layer comprising conductive oligomers and insulators, wherein said conductive oligomer having the formula:

$$--\left(-Y\left(\left(B\right)_{g}-0\right)_{e}\right)_{n}\left(-Y\right)_{m}$$
.

Y is an aromatic group;

wherein

n is an integer from 1 to 50;

g is either 1 or zero;

e is an integer from zero to 10; and

m is zero or 1;

wherein when g is 1, B-D is selected from acetylene, alkene, substituted alkene, amide, azo, esters, thioesters, -CH=N-, -CR=N-, -N=CH- and -N=CR-, -SiH=SiH-, -SiR=SiH-, -SiR=SiH-, and -SiR=SiR-, -SiH=CH-, -SiR=CH-, -SiH=CR-, -SiR=CR-, -CH=SiH-, -CR=SiH-, -CH=SiR-, and -CR=SiR-, wherein R is a substitution group; and wherein when g is zero, e is 1 and D is carbonyl or a moiety comprising oxygen, sulfur, nitrogen or phosphorus; and,

b) at least one nucleic acid covalently attached to said electrode with a spacer.